

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**Town Board and Ethics Committee**  
Thursday, March 3, 2011  
Planning Board Meeting Room

**Supervisor Euvard** called Special Town Board/Ethics Board meeting to order at 5:00 pm.  
Salute to the flag was conducted. Emergency exit at rear of meeting room.

**Town Board**

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| ROLL: | Councilwoman Perotti | Aye               |
|       | Councilwoman Riemer  | Aye               |
|       | Councilwoman Doyle   | Arrived at 5:05pm |
|       | Councilman Cayea     | Absent            |
|       | Supervisor Euvard    | Aye               |

**Ethics Committee**

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| ROLL: | George Mudge, Chairman           | Aye                |
|       | Judy Carlson                     | Aye                |
|       | Caroline McEnroe                 | Absent             |
|       | Jeanne Schwager                  | Aye                |
|       | Charlotte Murphy                 | Aye                |
|       | Michael Hayes, Esq Town Attorney | Arrived at 5:05 pm |

Supervisor Euvard stated that purpose of meeting is to discuss the proposed Town Code of Ethics Law.  
Mr. Mudge stated that Ethics Committee meeting minutes of **October 14, 2010** have been discussed and unanimously approved by Ethics Committee prior to this meeting.

**DISCUSSION: Code of Ethics Law**

.Section 2, Page 2: definition on relatives could be less restrictive  
.Bottom of Page 1: room to maneuver definition of “relatives” – flexibility  
.Annotated version Page 10 with Ethics Board comments – additional language flexibility  
.Section 16: Confidential Information for employees. Mr. Hayes suggested that issue be addressed at Re-organizational Meeting to include internal procedural policies as it pertains to employees.  
.General Municipal Law – roles and responsibilities

**Section 14 - Nepotism**

Mr. Hayes stated that section could be “pared back” for specific definition of relatives.

**Re: Draft Code of Ethics dated October 14, 2010**

Supervisor Euvard submitted letter from Lana Anguin, Assistant Supervisor, with comments **in part**, stating that “the Model Code of Ethics for Local Governments from the Office of the State Comptroller is intended to be a guide for municipal government to meet its own circumstances, and each municipality may amend the definition of “relative” as it sees fit, and in said model the minimum definition of “relative” suggested parents, siblings, children and members of the municipal officer’s or employee’s household. The proposed law Section 2 (f) expands “Relative” to a degree that I believe is extreme for a Town where the 2000 census established a population at 4040.”

Michael Hayes, Esq, Town Attorney to make revisions to Code of Ethics of the Town of Amenia.

**Section 2. Definitions Paragraph (f):**

**“Relative” means a spouse, parent, step-parent, sibling, child, step-child, or household member of an officer or employee, and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the officer or employee.**

**Revisions to Amend and Replace Chapter 15 of the Code of the Town of Amenia Code of Ethics Law.**

Town Board members agreed to schedule an April 21, 2011 public hearing as part of a Resolution of Introduction containing the revised definition of “relative”.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN Special Town Board/Ethics Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm.

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| ROLL: | Councilwoman Riemer  | Aye    |
|       | Councilwoman Perotti | Aye    |
|       | Councilman Cayea     | Absent |
|       | Councilwoman Doyle   | Aye    |
|       | Supervisor Euvrard   | Aye    |

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board and Ethics Committee Members: March 28, 2011

Approved by Town Board: April 21, 2011

Copy to George Mudge, Chairman Ethics Committee